

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kai LICHIA et al.

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Title: HYDROPHILIC, THIOL-REACTIVE CYANINE DYES AND CONJUGATES
THEREOF WITH BIOMOLECULES FOR FLUORESCENCE DIAGNOSIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.